

# JOHN AND SARAH McAFEE RITCHIE



John Ritchie was born November 28, 1843 at Colmormock, Scotland, a son of James and Agnes Robertson Ritchie. Married Sarah McAfee January, 1867. She was born in Scotland in 1847, a daughter of John and Ann Sharp. John died January 10, 1932. Sarah died June 23, 1919.

Among the pioneers of Charleston were John Ritchie and his wife Sarah McAfee Ritchie. John Ritchie came here at twenty years of age from Scotland. He landed in Heber the next year. Sarah, who also came from Scotland, met John in Heber and soon after they were married and moved to Charleston. They took up land some two miles south of where the town now is. Here they raised their family.

The first school in Charleston, the one their children attended, was just south of their home, held in Sarah Ritchie's father's shop.

By this time a number of families had settled on farms on each side of the river. Later a school was established where the town now is. The children walked more than two miles to school. John Ritchie and Sarah lived for some sixty years in Charleston, before going to Provo. Much of the hay and grain of the valley was produced in the section of the valley where they lived.

They were the parents of eleven children: John M. Ritchie, Mrs. Wilford D. (Sarah Ann) Wright, James Ritchie, Agnes Ritchie, died young, Mrs. Joseph S. (Jane) Wright,

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Mrs. James (Mary Elizabeth) Wagstaff, Mrs. George B. (Phoebe) Wright, William McGhie, Mrs. John W. (Margaret) Stubbs, David died young, and Mrs. John W. (Ellen Louisa) Stubbs.